

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
OCTOBER 03, 2002**

ACTION MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center in Long Beach, CA. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William Alexander, CEHD Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:14 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public Comments at this meeting.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bruesch) SECONDED (McTaggart) and APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of September 05, 2002

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Legislative Position Summary

3.2.2 Local Review Cover Letter

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Baseline Projection Evaluation Criteria

Steve Weiner, Senior Economist, introduced consultant Steve Levy, of Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy (CCSCE), who then gave a presentation of the framework for the review of local input.

Mr. Levy explained the review criteria, emphasizing the need to maintain credible relationships among the forecast elements.

5.2 Forecasting in Relation to RHNA

Mr. Lieb reported on the relationship between the forecast process and the upcoming Regional Housing Needs Assessment, as had been requested by the Committee. Mr. Lieb explained that the forecast is done for the Regional Transportation Plan, and that one element, the 2010 household projection, is used for RHNA. Other elements might be used to make policy-based adjustments to local allocations, at CEHD's discretion. SCAG uses the 2010 household number to negotiate the region's total need with HCD. The forecast numbers used for RHNA do take into account local input.

Mayor Loveridge asked whether the assumption that household size would go down is true in light of the lack of affordable housing. Mr. Lieb replied that it is still true, due to increases in older age groups.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Proposed New Strategic Plan for SCAG

Arthur Bauer of Arthur Bauer & Associates presented the proposed new Strategic Plan which started to be developed in April 2002 and chaired by Supervisor Judy Mikels of County of Ventura. He said that a number of issues were being reviewed here at SCAG in trying to make the process transparent and inclusive while supporting good decision-making in order to come up with a list of strategies that would be useful and help this organization move forward.

Mr. Levy described many of the plan's highlights.

The Chair asked the Committee if they had questions and one member, Mayor Bruesch, suggested the following wording be added:

Goal Two of category IV - "New Partnerships Need to be Encouraged", in the second paragraph under the heading of "Strategy" add the words, ***"include the educational communities in partnerships"*** before the words "relevant special districts".

Goal One of category V "Create a Comprehensive Plan to Guide Regional Development", under Economic Development add the words, ***"work force preparation"***.

Mr. Bauer stated that this is a preliminary plan and suggestions and additions are welcome so that the Strategic Task Force can finish the Plan.

It was MOVED (McTaggart) SECONDED (Stettler) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with modifications as mentioned above.

4.2 Income Equity Task Force

Due to time constraints the Committee made the following motion:

It was MOVED (Harkema) SECONDED (Robertson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to carry this item over to the November meeting.

6.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair wanted the members to be aware that the next CEHD meeting would last a bit longer than the usual, which would start or end at a different time.

7.0 STAFF REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacob Lieb reminded the Committee about the upcoming Southwest Compact Conference on October 24-24, 2002 in Imperial Valley.

Mr. Lieb also stated that the Housing Summit was to be held on December 13, 2002 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel across the street from SCAG. He said the invitations would be mailed out and that the Steering Committee would be asking the Committee members assistance in circulating the invitations and making a personal outreach to their colleagues in each of the subregions in order to get people to attend this important event.

8.0 COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments at this meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., and it was MOVED (Bruesch) SECONDED (Robertson) and in UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT to close this meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor William Alexander, Chair	SANBAG Subregion
Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts (arrived 10:27 am)	City of Long Beach
Councilmember Ralph Bauer	City of Huntington Beach
Councilmember Ken Blackwood	City of Lomita
Mayor Robert Bruesch	City of Rosemead
Supervisor Robert (Bob) Buster (arrived 10:25 am)	County of Riverside
Councilmember Jeff Comercheo	WRCOG Subregion

Councilmember Betty DeSantis
Councilmember Alta E. Duke, **Vice- Chair**
Councilmember Henry Harkema (arrived 10:19 am)
Mayor Ronald Loveridge (arrived 10:32 am)
Councilmember Shirley McCracken
Mayor Kathryn McCullough (arrived 10:27 am)
Mayor John McTaggart
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard
Councilmember Deborah Robertson (arrived 10:20 am)
Councilmember M. Jo Shields
Mayor George Stettler
Councilmember Bob Yousefian

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City of La Palma
City of Paramount
City of Riverside
OCCOG Subregion
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South Bay Cities COG
City of Oxnard
SANBAG Subregion
City of Brawley
CVAG Subregion
City of Glendale

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza
Councilmember Bart Doyle
Mayor David Eshleman
Councilmember Wendy Greuel
Councilmember Janice Hahn
Councilmember Susan Lien,
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid
Councilmember Alex Padilla
Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry
Councilmember Jan Perry
Councilmember Marsha Ramos
Councilmember Ed Reyes
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran

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City of Fontana
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City of Los Angeles
Gateway Cities COG
SGVCOG Subregion
City of Los Angeles
City of Brea
City of Los Angeles
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
City of Los Angeles
City of Garden Grove

Signed: _____
Lynn Harris
Manager, Community Development

5.2

Jacob Lieb informed the Committee that this item was included in the agenda for a very brief discussion in response to some questions from the last CEHD meeting of the uncertainty as to how the local input, the overall forecasting process would contribute to the upcoming RHNA. He went on to say that the forecasting process is a process that is bigger than RHNA and is done every three (3) years for the purposes of having a socioeconomic basis in Regional Transportation Planning, which has the three (3) major components which are population, households and employment in increments of every five (5) years. He further stated that one element is pulled out from the forecast after it has gone through the local input process and after it has been adopted by the Regional Council for the purposes of completing the RHNA, and that element is the first five (5) years of household growth to the year 2010. He said that some other elements might be pulled in order for the Committee to make policy decisions on housing, in particular the employment component may become important as a data basis for future regional housing needs plans. He also said that the 2010 household number would be used as a basis for negotiating the region's total housing need with HCD, who is required by law to consult with staff and to consider SCAG's regional transportation forecast, but not required using the forecast. He said that HCD first calculate their own forecast based on numbers provided by the Department of Finance and compare these to SCAG's numbers, and if they are within the range of error, they would probably accept our numbers. He mentioned that in using the 2010 household distribution this would become the primary most important data source for doing regional housing needs allocation. He pointed an important distinction relating to SCAG's forecasting process, that under statute and under current legal precedent, SCAG cannot have a housing need allocation that's constraint by local land use policy, in particular, certain types of growth controls that limits specifically by number the number of housing units or population that a jurisdiction can have.

re: 5.1

The Committee member had a very short question and answer period due to time constraints at this meeting.